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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**IN RE APPLICATION OF****EXAMINER:****QIU ET AL.****ZACHARIA, RAMSEY E.****APPLICATION NO: 10/654,566****ART UNIT: 1773****FILED: SEPTEMBER 3, 2003****FOR: LBL-COATED MEDICAL DEVICE AND METHOD FOR MAKING SAME**

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

AMENDMENT A

Dear Sir:

The Office Action dated August 6, 2004 from Examiner Ramsey E. Zacharia of Art Unit 1773 has been received and reviewed. The following is in response thereto.